



How to Comment

The Cibola National Forest is seeking public comment on the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster project. Comments are most helpful if received by March 31, 2021. Comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in the 2012 Planning Rule Objection Process. For more information on the 2012 Planning Rule Objection Process for decisions on Land Management Plans, see the following link:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/includes/FINAL219Objection%20Brochure.pdf>

Products on which we are seeking comment:

All project documents and supporting materials are available on the project website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985>

To review the project proposal in an interactive viewer: <https://arcgis/1mLXfi>.

How to Comment

- **Use the online commenting tool, CARA***: Go to upload a comment letter or create a comment form.
- <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=56985>
- *Written comments may be submitted by mail to:*
Crystal Powell, District Ranger, Sandia Ranger District
Cibola National Forest, Attn. Bryan West
11776 Highway 337
Tijeras, New Mexico 87059.

** The Comment Analysis and Response Application, or CARA, is a web-based tool that the Forest Service uses to track, analyze, and respond to public comments on National Environmental Policy Act projects. One of the most useful features of CARA is the ability of the Cibola NF to track, analyze, and summarize comments. Interdisciplinary teams assign resource or process specific codes to each comment. This allows the comments to be easily sorted and summarized and issues to be identified for formal responses.*





How to Effectively Comment

Your comments will be in consideration of the proposed action. Here are some tips to consider while commenting:

- Comments should be clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis of the documents. Take the time to organize your thoughts so your comments are understood.
- Comments that are solution-oriented and provide specific examples will be more effective than those that simply oppose the statement the comment relates to.
- Comments that contribute to developing possible alternatives that address the purpose and need for the action are also effective.
- Commenting is not a form of “voting” on an alternative. The number of negative comments an agency receives does not prevent an action from moving forward. Numerous comments that repeat the same basic message of support or opposition will typically be responded to collectively.
- In order to have standing to object in the forest plan revision process, you must submit name and contact information to the Cibola National Forest along with your comments.
- Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunity. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3), including that each individual or representative from each entity submitting written comments must provide the name and postal address of the individual or entity submitting the comment, and either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Names, contact information, and the comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

